

LAKE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Tree Give-Away

January 19 at 11 a.m. until trees are gone

Discovery Gardens at the Lake County
Extension Center, 1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares

Lake Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Florida Forest Service, will give away bare-root seedlings (approximately 8-24 inches) of the trees listed below.

For more information, email pfletcher@ufl.edu or call 352-253-1646.



Dahoon Holly is a small tree that has a narrow growth habit of upward pointing branches that grows to a height of up to 30 ft. It holds its showy berries for a good part of the year. They provide a source of food for birds and wildlife.



Chickasaw Plum is usually a shrub with a short trunk and slender branches. It normally grows 6-12 feet, but can become a small tree up to 25 feet tall. The fruits are oval, usually red and tart to the taste. This tree does best in full sun. It is maintenance free and attracts wildlife.



Redbud is a small to medium-sized tree, occasionally reaching 40 ft. in height, but usually stays around 20 ft. It sometimes has multiple trunks.



Green Ash is a fast growing tree reaching 50-60 ft. in height and is very easy to grow. This tree is adaptable to many conditions. Green Ash is softly pyramidal when young, but grows into an upright spreading form as it matures.



Slash Pine normally grows 60-100 feet in height, with pine needles usually 8-12 inches long. Pine needles are in bundles of two or three. The Slash Pine is intolerant of shade.



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Serving the Cause of Conservation

Established by the Florida Legislature, the Lake Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), a governmental subdivision of the State of Florida, was organized Sept. 21, 1944 by local people for the purpose of promoting and encouraging, by voluntary means, the wise use, management and general conservation of the County's soil, water, and related natural resources. It often serves as a liaison between landowners and regulatory agencies.

An elected five member non-partisan board of supervisors, who volunteer their services, governs the soil and water conservation district. Lake SWCD is staffed by three county employees. Two of these employees staff the Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) and are grant-funded positions.

The MIL works closely with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. The team provides free on-site evaluations of agricultural irrigation systems. Through the service, growers learn to save water by operating their irrigation systems more effectively.

The Lake SWCD, in partnership with the Florida Forest Service, hosts an annual tree give-away. Annual educational programs include Poster contest, Envirothon, and Land Judging competitions.

The District is committed to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Lake County through conservation of its natural resources. To learn more, visit:
www.lakecountyfl.gov/lswcd

HOW TO PLANT AND CARE FOR YOUR TREE

- 1) Dig a hole twice the size of the roots and deep enough to hold all the roots.
- 2) Place the tree carefully in the planting hole, with the top root at soil level. Avoid bending the roots while planting and do not allow roots to become dry. Rewetting will not revive dried-out roots.
- 1) Fill planting hole with soil around the roots.
- 2) Water the tree every day for two days, then every other day for two weeks. Afterwards, water once a week.
- 3) Your county forester (360-6675) or county agent (343-4101) can assist you with proper fertilizer analysis for your particular soil type. Fertilizer will not be required for the first few months.